SEIU LOCAL 521
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2017

I. Call To Order: the meeting was called to order at 6:06P.M. by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.

II. Welcome & Introduction: welcome was extended to those in attendance by Chair Lambaren.

Attendance: Jennifer Jensen, Lorenzo Lambaren, Diane Vasquez, Francis Coronado, Joy Hall-Villareal, Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (guest), Maria Luis Gutierrez (guest), Dawn Gallegos, Casper Padilla (guest) and Ronnie Padilla (guest).

III. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Dawn Gallegos reported that the Latino Caucus – Fresno started 2017 with $7,000. The only expenses since then are the cost of dinner. At this time the only expenses not yet paid are dinner for January, 2017 meeting and dinner for February, 2017 meeting.

IV. Secretary’s Report: minutes for the January 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Diane Vasquez made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the addition of Sergio Garcia as being in attendance. Seconded by Dawn Gallegos. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented with Joy Hall-Villareal abstaining.

V. Old Business:

Aztec New Year: there was discussion as to attending the 19th anniversary of Calpulli Tonalehque’s Aztec New Year celebration the week-end of March 11, 2017 – March 12, 2017 in San Jose at the Emma Prusch Park. Several people indicated they would like to attend. Jennifer Jensen made a motion to rent up to two cars/vans/SVUs to attend the event March 11, 2017 in San Jose, California. Seconded by Diane Vasquez. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. At the March 1, 2017 meeting a list will be made of those attending.

César Chavez Observances:

Fresno: the Caucus discussed having an event in Fresno or possibly having just an Art contest. The consensus was to have neither and participate in event(s) in other areas.

San Jose: Jennifer Jensen reported that she had spoken to Rachel Subega, chair of the Latino Caucus – San Jose. She stated that their observance will be April 1, 2017. Delano: no known event.

Visalia: Jennifer Jensen reported that she had spoken to Mark Arisa from SEIU 521 Visalia. At the time Jennifer had spoken to him the details had not been finalized. He will contact Jennifer with the information. He stated that as in years past he will be requesting a donation.

Tower Challenge: Dawn Gallegos reported that the January, 2017 distribution event was cancelled due to rain. The next distribution is scheduled for February 19, 2017 at 2:00P.M. SEIU 521 Latino Caucus – Fresno will be participating and distributing snacks and water. At future meetings will discuss participation in Tower Challenge and what the Caucus will provide.

T-Shirt Distribution: Latino Caucus t-shirts will be distributed to members in attendance.

VI. New Business:

Citizenship Workshop: Chair Lambaren reported that Mi Familia Vota will be sponsoring a Citizenship Workshop March 11, 2017 from 9:00A.M. – 2:00P.M. at West Fresno Regional Center. Volunteers are needed.
VII. **Donation Request(s):** none

VIII. **Up Coming Events:**

* N.A.M.I. Walk --- May 20, 2017: Joy Hall-Villarreal has agreed to be captain.
  
  Susan G. Komen --- October 1, 2017
  
  Fresno Aids Walk --- TBD

IX. **Open Forum**

* Mothers Helping Mothers: Jennifer Jensen has agreed to contact the group and ask a Representative to come to the April 3, 2017 meeting or the May 1, 2017 to discuss what the group does.

* Equality On The Mail --- Sacramento February 9, 2017: Chair Lambaren stated there will be a protest regarding several issues including immigration. Members were asked if they would be interested in attending to let Chair Lambaren or Diane Vasquez know.

X. **Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Jennifer Jensen

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Secretary